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SUBJ: BOMB EXPLOSIONS IN ISTANBUL

1. TWO BOMBS EXPLODED ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY IN WIDELY SEPARATED AREAS OF ISTANBUL AT APPROX 2045 APRIL 23.

2. THE BOMBS, WHICH ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS WERE PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES, WERE PLACED AT THE ENTRANCES OF THE AMERIKAN LISAN VE SANAT DERSANESI (AM LANGUAGE AND TRADE INSTITUTE), A PRIVATE GIRLS SCHOOL FUNDED BY THE AMERICAN BOARD MISSION AND YWCA, AND OF THE IRAN AIRLINE TICKET OFFICE.

3. THE EXPLOSION AT THE SCHOOL, LOCATED IN CIHANGIR RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD, CAUSED NO INJURIES AND DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO GLASS AND WOOD MOLDING BREAKAGE. DAMAGE AT THE AIRLINE OFFICE IN DOWNTOWN TAKSIM SQUARE WAS SOMEWHAT MORE EXTENSIVE, AND FOUR MEMBERS OF A FAMILY OF PASSERSBY WERE INJURED. A POWER OUTAGE OVER A WIDE AREA INCLUDING PARTS OF ANATOLIA OCCURED WITHIN A FEW MINUTES OF THE EXPLOSIONS, BUT NEITHER NEWSPAPERS NOR POLICE SUGGEST POSSIBILITY OF SABOTAGE.

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4. POLICE SO FAR REFUSE TO SPECULATE AS TO GROUP RESPONSIBLE.

THERE WOULD SEEM TO BE A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE SHAH'S ATTENDANCE
AT AN RCD SUMMIT THIS WEEK IN IZMIR AND THE IRAN AIRLINE EXPLO-
SION; BUT THIS IS THE FIRST INSTANCE OF AN ATTACK ON A NON-MILITARY
AMERICAN TARGET IN ISTANBUL, FOLLOWING SEVERAL BOMBINGS OF BANKS
AND POLICE STATIONS IN RECENT MONTHS. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER DETAILS
AS AVAILABLE.
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